

**Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, in which claims 1-13 and 18-37 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 29-37 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1, 9, and 18 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-13 and 18-28, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-13 and 18-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Aoki U.S. Patent No. 6,631,008.

Claims 1-13 and 18-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zingher U.S. Patent No. 5,897,260.

With this Amendment, claims 29-37 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejections of claims 29-37 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 102(b), therefore, are rendered moot.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 9 have each been amended to clarify that the print processing system registry is configured to have print processing services of "a plurality of discrete print processing providers" registered therewith, with "the discrete print processing providers including a print job storage provider, a print job processing provider, a print job print provider, and a print job delivery provider." In addition, independent claim 18 has been amended to clarify that the method includes providing a print processing system registry having print processing services of "a plurality of discrete print processing providers" registered therewith, with "the discrete print processing providers including a print job storage provider, a print job processing provider, a print job print provider, and a print job delivery provider."

With respect to the Aoki and Zingher patents, neither of these patents teach or suggest a system for processing a print job as claimed in independent claim 1, a system for processing a print job as claimed in independent claim 9, nor a method of processing a print job as claimed in independent claim 18. For example, the Aoki patent discloses a network system, information processing apparatus and information memory medium which can effectively select the optimum printers from among the plurality of printers connected to the network

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based on the quality of printing image data and the availability of each printer to perform a printing operation (col. 1, lines 54-60). In addition, the Zingher patent discloses a print job allocation system which interlinks customers of a plurality of printing plants located throughout the world and a plurality of printing plants located throughout the world (Abstract). Neither the system of the Aoki patent nor the system of the Zingher patent, however, includes a plurality of discrete print processing providers (i.e., separate print processing entities) including a print job storage provider, a print job processing provider, a print job print provider, and a print job delivery provider.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, and 18 are each patentably distinct from the Aoki and Zingher patents and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-8 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 10-13 further define patentably distinct claim 9, and dependent claims 19-28 further define patentably distinct claim 18, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1-13 and 18-37 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-13 and 18-28 be allowed.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-13 and 18-28 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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